Cut-off scores for poverty estimation

1119. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any uniform cut-off scores for poverty estimation in various States and within the States and among various Ministries;

(b) if so, the details including the cut-off scores and parameters adopted for the same for the last three years, State-wise, category-wise and year-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons for the same;

(d) if not, whether steps would be taken for uniform procedure in BPL family estimation and identification, and

(e) the number of BPL families identified for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (e) The Planning Commission estimates poverty at the National and State level from the large sample survey on household consumer expenditure conducted by the national sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years following the methodology contained in the report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and number of Poor (Lakdawala Committee). The Ministry of Rural Development provides financial and technical assistance to the States and UTs to conduct the BPL Census in the beginning of the Five year Plan to identify the BPL families who could be provided assistance under various programmes of the Ministry. For identification of BPL families, the Ministry of rural Development prescribed 13 scorable socio-economic parameters (list is given in the Statement. (See below). No cut-off score point at the National level, State or district level has been prescribed by the Ministry of Rural Development. No BPL census has been conducted in the past three years.

Statement

Sncio-Fcnnomic Indicators for identification of RPI -IBPL Cnnnrnt 2002)

S.N6. Indicators	Score				
	0	1	2	3	4
1. Land Holding (tick~ one and indicate score					
(I) Nil holdings					
(ii) Less than one ha. unirrigated or 0.5 ha. irrigated					
(iii) More than one and less than 2 ha. unirrigated or 0.5 to 1 ha. irrigated					
(iv) More than 2 ha. and less than 5 ha. unirrigated or 1.0-2.5 ha. irrigated					
(v) More than 5 ha. unirrigated or more than 2.5 ha. irrigated					
2 Type of House (tick~one and indicate score)					
(i) Houseless					
(ii) Kutcha					
(iii) Semi Pucca					
(iv) Pucca					
(v) Urban type . .					
3. Availability of Clothing (tick~one and indicate score)					
(i) Less than two pairs					
(ii) More than two pairs but less than four					
(iii) More than four pairs but less than six					
(iv) More than six pairs but less than ten					
(v) More than ten pairs					
4. Food Security (tick~one and indicate score)					
(i) Less than one meal per day in major part of the year					
(ii) Normal one meal but sometimes less					
(iii) Normal one meal throughout the year					
(iv) Two meals per day and occasional shortage					
(v) Enough food					
5. Sanitation (tick~ one and indicate score)					
(i) Open defecation					
(ii) Group latrines with irregular water supply					
(iii) Group latrines with regular water supply					

(iv) Group latrine with irregular water supply and sweeper (v) Private latrine

6. Ownership of consumer durables *viz.* TV, Electric Fan, Kitchen appliances,
Cooker, Radio etc. (tick~one and indicate score)
   (i) Nill
   (ii) Any one item
   (iii) Two items only (iv) Any three
   (v) All items

7. Literacy status of highest literate (tick ~ one and indicate score)
   (i) Illiterate
   (ii) Upto primary
   (iii) Completed secondary/passed 10th
   (iv) Graduate/Professional
   (v) Post Graduate/Professional

8. Status of Household Labour (tick~ one and indicate score)
   (i) Bonded labour
   (ii) Women & Child labour
   (iii) Only adult female and no child labour
   (iv) Adult males only
   (v) Others

9. Means of livelihood (tick ~ one and indicate score)
   (i) Casual labour
   (ii) Subsistence cultivation
   (iii) Artisan
   (iv) Salary
   (v) Others

10. Status of Children (tick ~ one and indicate score)
   (i) Not going to school and working
   (ii) Going to school and working
   (iii) Nil
   (iv) Nil
   (v) Going to school and not working

11. Type of Indebtedness (tick ~ one and indicate score)

(i) Daily consumption purposes from normal source

(ii) For production purposes from normal source

(iii) For other purposes from normal source

(iv) Borrowing from institutional agencies

(v) No indebtedness and possess assets

12 Reason for migration (tick ~one ana indicate score)

(i) Casual work

(ii) Seasonal employment

(iii) Other forms of livelihood

(iv) Non-migrant

(v) Other purposes

13 Preference for Assistance (tick ~one and indicate score)

(i) Wage employment

(ii) Self-employment

(iii) Training and skill upgradation

(iv) Housing

(v) Loan/Subsidy more than Rs One lakh or no assistance required

Mafia operating in Cochin Port Trust

1120. SHRIMATI PREMA ARIAPPA
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are a lot of Mafia operating in Cochin Port Trust:

(b) whether it is also a fact that the illegal charges recovered by Mafia increase the input cost of the various operations handled in CPT: and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to relieve the CPT from Mafia operations?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING. ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Instances of extortion by a group of persons operating in the name of a trade union in Cochin has come to notice of